

CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2024

The Educational Committee met at the Claiborne Parish School Board, Homer, Louisiana, at five o'clock p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

*Present: EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE: Perry Anderson (Chair), Linda Knox, Stewart Griffin
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Stevens, Yolanda Coleman, William Maddox,
Thomas Davidson, Roy Mardis, David Nokes, Mark Perot*

Mr. Davidson, Board Member, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In order to have more time to discuss Item #3 (Results of 4-day School Week Survey) on the agenda, Superintendent Kennedy requested beginning with Item # 4 (Discuss Marketing Consultant).

The district received a proposal from Levy Communication Support to provide marketing support for the tax election to be scheduled for April 2024. Based on the scope of work outlined in the proposal and their understanding of the district's needs, they propose 25 hours per month for three months with a proposed cost of \$11,250. Superintendent Kennedy stated he is expecting another possible proposal from Delta Resource Group, but has not received at this time.

Mr. Brooks, Supervisor, presented additional information in regards to a potential 4-day school week, along with the results of a survey recently sent to employees, parents, and community stakeholders. The purpose of the survey was to receive input on the possible implementation of the revised schedule. The vast majority of the employees were in support of a 4-day school week. Parents indicated their biggest concern is child care. Mr. Brooks reiterated this would be a 2-year pilot program and used as a tool in the recruitment and retention of certified teachers. Board members asked questions, voiced their concerns, and discussed further details of what a 4-day school week would look like, if pursued. A few board members expressed their apprehension with the timetable of passing the 4-day school calendar for the 2024-25 school year.

It was the decision of the Board that another committee meeting needs to be held to discuss further. Mr. Brooks stated the next recruitment events, which will be held at LA Tech, SAU, and Grambling, are in March. A date will be set for a future committee meeting.

Mr. William Kennedy, Secretary
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